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SUBJECT: ASYLUM REQUEST OF MEMBERS OF ETHIOPIAN ROYAL  
FAMILY

REF: (A) FRANKFURT 5779; (B) STOCKHOLM 3229; (C) ADDIS  
ABABA 4773 (D) ADDIS ABABA 4751

1. OUR FEELING IS THAT IF COLLINSES ARE ADAMANT IN THEIR  
DESIRE TO GAIN CHILDRENS' ADMISSION INTO U.S., CONDITIONAL  
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ENTRY IS THE APPROPRIATE AVENUE FOR THEM TO PURSUE. WHILE  
WE DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE THIS CASE MERITS SPECIAL CON-  
SIDERATION FOR THE CHILDRENS' DIRECT ENTRY INTO THE U.S.  
FROM STOCKHOLM, WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION IF ACTION  
ADDRESSEES WOULD UNDERTAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO FACILITATE  
THEIR ENTRY INTO FRG FOR PURPOSES OF APPLYING FOR CON-  
DITIONAL ENTRY. WHEN DISCUSSING CASE WITH FRG AND SWEDISH

AUTHORITIES, POSTS ARE CAUTIONED AGAINST GUARANTEEING OR OTHERWISE IMPLYING THAT CHILDRENS' ADMISSION INTO U.S. IS ASSURED. IF APPROPRIATE, POSTS MAY REQUEST ASSISTANCE OF LOCAL UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES REP FOR AID IN OBTAINING FRG ENTRY VISAS.

2. FOR STOCKHOLM: SINCE ONLY CONTACT WITH THE CHILDREN HAS BEEN THROUGH THE COLLINSES, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW CHILDREN IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER IT IS THEIR DESIRE TO COME TO THE U.S. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM COLLINSES THAT THIS IS NORMAL PROCEDURE INVOLVING POTENTIAL CONDITIONAL ENTRY APPLICANTS; THAT QUESTION OF LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP MAY WELL BECOME A PROBLEM AND THAT MEDIA ATTENTION TO CHILDREN CAN ONLY PRODUCE PROBLEMS FOR U.S. MISSIONARIES STILL IN ETHIOPIA AND FOR REMAINING MEMBERS OF ROYAL FAMILY STILL THERE.

3. FYI - PRESS GUIDANCE: THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS DEVELOPED FOR TODAY'S NOON PRESS BRIEFING:

Q. THERE IS A REPORT FROM SWEDEN THAT TEN CHILDREN OF THE ETHIOPIAN ROYAL FAMILY HAVE FLED THERE. WILL THEY BE COMING TO THE UNITED STATES AS REFUGEES?

A. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE CHILDREN ARE SAFE IN SWEDEN.  
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IF APPLICATION WERE MADE, IT WOULD BE CONSIDERED IN A NORMAL FASHION.

Q. HAS OUR EMBASSY IN SWEDEN BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE CHILDREN?

A. I DON'T BELIEVE THEY HAVE TALKED WITH THE CHILDREN.

ALTHOUGH NO QUESTIONS WERE ASKED REGARDING THIS CASE DURING AUGUST 8 PRESS BRIEFING, DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN HAS BEEN PROVIDED ABOVE GUIDANCE SHOULD QUESTIONS ARISE IN THE FUTURE. END FYI CHRISTOPHER

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